

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO MY  
REFERENCE LIST.

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A RECENT revision of my "Reference List" has revealed quite a number of overlooked names. Many of these appear to be *nomina nuda*, but as I have traced some to their original introduction, it seems best to put all on record so that they can be kept in view, and perhaps one by one eliminated, as possible disturbing factors in the nomenclature of Australian birds.

61. Add as synonym—

*Columba lawsoni* "Sieber" Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., Vol. II., p. 90, 1855: *nom. nudum*.

317. SULA SERRATOR DYOTTI, subsp. n.  
Australian Gannet.

Differs from *Sula serrator serrator* Gray, in having the buff on the back of the head much less pronounced.

Type, Tasmania, 10th December, 1899.

Range, East and West Australia.

337. Add as synonym—

*Falco canus* "Lath MS." Gray, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., Vol. XI., p. 189, 1843: *nom. nudum*.

340. Add as synonym—

*Falco macrodactylus* "Temm." Gray, Handl. Gen. Sp. Birds, pt. I., p. 34, 1869: *nom. nudum*.

383. Add as synonym—

*Falco glaucopis* "Lath. MS." Gray, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., Vol. XI., p. 189, 1843: *nom. nudum*.

396. Add as synonym—

*Strix megaera* Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., Vol. I., p. 54, 1850: *nom. nudum*.

518. Add as synonyms—

*Caprimulgus podargus* Dumont, Dict. Sci. Nat., Vol. XIV., p. 504, 1819 : new name for *Podargus cinereus* Vieillot.

*Podargus gigas* Nitzsch, Syst. Pterylog., p. 125, 1840 : *nom. nudum*.

*Caprimulgus crassirostris* Pelzeln, Ibis 1873, p. 107 : *nom. nudum*.

548. Add as synonyms—

*Dacelo cervicalis* Kaup, Familie Eisvogel, p. 8, 1848 : error for *D. cervina*.

*Dacelo salusii* "Homb. et J." Gray, Handl. Gen. Sp. Birds, Vol. I., p. 89 ; Port Essington, Northern Territory.

563. Add as synonyms—

*Merops tenuipennis* ou *M. thovini* Dumont, Dict. Sci. Nat., Vol. XX., p. 52, 1821 ; New South Wales.

*Merops lewini* "Aliq." Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., Vol. i., p. 162, 1850 : *nom. nudum*.

*Merops modestus* Oustalet, Bull. Hebdom. Assoc. Sci. France, Vol. XXI., p. 248, 1878 ; D'Urville Island, New Guinea.

565. Add as synonym—

*Caprimulgus albimaculatus* <sup>= Vigors</sup> "Cuv." Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., Vol. I., p. 62, 1850 : *nom. nudum*.  
and alter to—

#### EUROSTOPODUS MYSTACALIS,

which must be used for species-name, as Temminck's name was published in 1826 and Vigors and Horsfield's publication did not appear until 1827.

580. Add as synonym—

*Cuculus viridirufus* "Temm." Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., Vol. I., p. 103, 1850 : *nom. nudum*.

617. Alter to—

PETROCHELIDON NIGRICANS CALEYI, subsp. n. +

Differs from *P. n. nigricans* Vieillot (from Tasmania) in its smaller size and much whiter under-surface.

Type, Albury, New South Wales, October, 1903.

Range, Queensland; New South Wales; Victoria.

618. Alter to—

PETROCHELIDON NIGRICANS NIGRICANS.

In the "Reference List" "New South Wales" was selected as type-locality of *Hirundo nigricans* Vieillot, the original description giving only "Nouvelle-Hollande." New South Wales was the type-locality of *Hirundo pyrrhonota* Vigors and Horsfield, and *Collocalia arborea* Gould was also supposed to have been founded upon birds from New South Wales.

Lesson, however, in *L'Echo du Monde Savant*, writing with knowledge of the locality of *Hirundo nigricans* Vieillot, definitely gives "Hobart Town, Tasmania"; while Stone (*Austral Av. Rec.*, Vol. I., p. 154, 1913) has informed us that the type of *Collocalia arborea* Gould also came from Tasmania. This leaves the New South Wales bird nameless as, though Vigors and Horsfield certainly described *Hirundo pyrrhonota* from that locality, their name is unavailable, being preoccupied by Vieillot.

As a synonym of 618, must be noted—

*Herse pygialis* "Temm." Bonaparte, *Consp. Gen. Av.*, Vol. I., p. 340, 1850: *nom. nudum*.

631A. Alter to—

PETROICA MULTICOLOR HALMATURINA.

*Petroica leggii*, subsp. *halmaturina*, A. G. Campbell, *Emu*, Vol. V., pp. 140, 141, 1906; Kangaroo Island.

I have to sincerely thank the Editors of the *Emu* (Vol. XII., p. 270 (footnote) 1913) for kindly drawing

my attention to my oversight of A. G. Campbell's nomination of this and some other Kangaroo Island birds.

686. Add as synonyms—

*Laniarius albicollis* Vieillot, Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., Vol. XIII., p. 299, 1817; New South Wales.

*Turdus lunularis* Stephen's, in Shaw's Gen. Zool., Vol. XIII., pt. II., p. 200, 1826; New South Wales.

692A. Add—

PACHYCEPHALA PECTORALIS HALMATURINA.

Kangaroo Island White-throated Thickhead.

*Pachycephala halmaturina* A. G. Campbell, Emu, Vol. V., p. 140, 1906; Kangaroo Island.

Range, Kangaroo Island, South Australia.

Synonym—

*Pachycephala intermedia* "North" A. G. Campbell, Emu, Vol. V., p. 142: *nom. nudum*.

695. Add as synonyms—

*Turdus prasinus* (not Sparrman 1789) Latham, Index Ornith., Suppl., p. xli, 1801; New South Wales.

*Laniarius rubrigaster* Vieillot, Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., Vol. XIII., p. 300, 1817; New South Wales.

707. Add as synonyms—

*Muscicapa flavigastra* Latham, Index Ornith., Suppl., p. lii., 1801; New South Wales.

*Sylvia flavigastra* Latham, Index Ornith., Suppl., p. liv., 1801; New South Wales.

736. Add as synonym—

*Myiagra grisea* Jacquinot et Pucheran, Voy. Pole Sud., Zool., Vol. III., p. 78, 1853; Port Essington, Northern Territory.

765. Add as synonym—

*Colluricincla coccinea* "Hutton" Giebel, Thes. Ornith., Vol. III., p. 797, 1877: error for *C. concinna* Hutton.

774. Alter to—

LALAGE LEUCOMELA RUFIVENTRIS.

*Campephaga (rufiventris)* Gray, Genera Birds, Vol. I., p. 283, 1846; Raffles Bay, Northern Territory.

775. Alter to—

ORTHONYX MACULATUS MACULATUS.

*O. maculatus* Stephens was published in 1826, whereas *O. temminckii* Vigors and Horsfield did not appear until 1827.

776. Alter to—

ORTHONYX MACULATUS CHANDLERI.

838A. Add—

TURDUS LUNULATUS HALMATURINUS.

Kangaroo Island Ground-Thrush.

*Geocichla lunulata*, subsp. *halmaturina*, A. G. Campbell, Emu, Vol. V., p. 140, 1906; Kangaroo Island.

Range, Kangaroo Island, South Australia.

936. Add as synonym—

*Motacilla cyanea* Cook, Voy. Pac. Ocean, Vol. I., p. 109, 1784: *nom. nudum*.

In the place noted the following sentence occurs: " [At Adventure Bay, Tasmania] there are also three or four small birds, one of which is of the thrush kind: and another small one, with a pretty long tail, has part of the head and neck of a most beautiful azure colour, from whence we named it *motacilla cyanea*." This reference does not seem to have been previously noted.

Latham, in the General Synops Birds, Vol. II., pt. 2, p. 501, 1783, gave a plate of the Superb Warbler (pl. LIII.) and a beautiful description under that name, quoting

at the beginning " *Motacilla cyanea*, Ellis's Narr., p. 22." I have shown that Ellis's introduction can only be cited as a *nomen nudum*, but probably it should be quoted from Latham where it is given "Inhabits Van Diemen's Land."

1005. Add as synonym—

*Turdus badius* Latham, Index Ornith., Suppl., p. xli., 1801; New South Wales.

1006A. Alter to—

COLLURICINCLA HARMONICA HALMATURINA.

*Collyriocincla harmonica*, subsp. *halmaturina*, A. G. Campbell, Emu, Vol. V., p. 139, 1906; Kangaroo Island.

1015. Add as synonym—

*Colluricincla turdoides* Jacquinot et Pucheran, Voy. Pole Sud., Zool., Vol. III., p. 61, pl. 6, fig. 3, 1853; Raffles Bay, Northern Territory.

1015c. Add—

COLLURICINCLA PARVULA OMISSA, subsp. n.

Melville Island Little Shrike-Thrush.

Differs from *C. p. parvula* Gould (from Port Essington: typical specimens in the British Museum) in its much greyer coloration above and in its much paler coloration below.

Type, Melville Island, 25th October, 1911.

Range, Melville Island, Northern Territory.

1021. Add as synonym—

*Merops picatus* Shaw, Gen. Zool., Vol. VIII., p. 165, 1812; New South Wales.

1073. Alter to—

NEOSITTA PILEATA NAPIERI, nom. nov.

For *Neositta pileata broomei* Mathews, Austral Av. Rec., Vol. I., p. 95, 1912, not Nov. Zool., Vol. XVIII., p. 380, 1912.

1089. Add as synonym—

*Certhia leucoptera* " Vieill." Bonaparte, *Consp. Gen. Av.*, Vol. I., p. 225, 1850 : *nom. nudum*.

1121. Add as synonym—

*Pardalotus australis* Stephens, in Shaw's *Gen. Zool.*, Vol. XIII., pt. II., p. 252, 1826 ; New South Wales.

1179 Add as synonym—

*Philedon aurifrons* Lesson, *Traité d'Orn.*, p. 301, 1830 : error for *P. rubrifrons* Lesson.

1185 Add as synonym—

*Glyciphila gouldi* Layard, *Proc Zool Soc (Lond.)* 1878. p. 655 : new name for *G. fasciata* Gould.

1195. Add as synonyms—

*Turdus squameus* Vieillot, *Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat.*, Vol. XX., p. 259, 1818 ; New South Wales.

*Turdus squamatus* " Vieill." Bonaparte, *Consp. Gen. Av.*, Vol. I., p. 391, 1830 : error for *T. squameus* Vieillot.

1222. Add as synonym—

*Ptilotis trivirgata* " Verr." Gray, *Handl. Gen. Sp. Birds*, pt. I., p. 156, 1869 : *nom. nudum*.

1233. Add as synonyms—

*Muscicapa australis* " Lath. MS." Strickland, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, Vol. XI., p. 336, 1843 : *nom. nudum*.

*Muscicapa novaehollandiae* " Lath. MS." (not Latham, 1790) Strickland, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, Vol. XI., p. 336, 1843 : *nom nudum*.

1276A. Add—

MELIORNIS NOVAEHOLLANDIAE HALMATURINUS.  
Kangaroo Island White-bearded Honey-Eater.

*Meliornis novaehollandiae*, subsp. *halmaturina*, A. G. Campbell, *Emu*, Vol. V., p. 140, 1906 ; Kangaroo Island. Range, Kangaroo Island, South Australia.

1282. Add as synonym—

*Philedon eupogon* "Licht." Burmeister, Verzn. Zool. Mus. Halle, 1850, p. 30 : *nom. nudum*.

1299. Add as synonym—

*Certhia goruck* Bechstein, Kurze Uebers Vögel., p. 198, 1811 ; New South Wales.

1392. Add as synonym—

*Sphecotheses asturinus* "Geoff." Gray, Handl. Gen. Sp. Birds, pt. I., p. 291, 1869 : *nom. nudum*.

1416. Add as synonym—

*Oriolus regius* "Temm." Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., Vol. I., p. 349, 1850 : error for "*O. regens*."

1429. Add as synonym—

*Corvus affinis* Brehm (not Bechstein 1811), Isis 1845, p. 357 ; New South Wales.

1433. Add as synonym—

*Barita strepens* "Merr." Bonaparte, Consp. Gen. Av., Vol. I., p. 367, 1850 : *nom. nudum*.

1438. Add as synonyms—

*Strepera cinerea* "Gould" Strickland, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., Vol. XI., p. 335, 1843 : new name for "*Corvus versicolor* Latham."

*Corvus fuliginosus* (not *Coronica fuliginosa* Gould 1837) Brehm, Isis 1845, p. 357 ; New South Wales.

NOTE.—*Strepera cinerea* Gould was unknown to me when Stone wrote up the Australian Gouldian species (Austral Av. Rec., Vol. I., pp. 129, 180, 1913) and was apparently never utilized by Gould after the entrance given.



App. p. 449, No. 15. Alter to—

*Lalage leucopyga leucopyga.*

The species-name used was based on *Muscicapa naevia* Gmelin, Syst. Nat., p. 994, 1789; New Caledonia: but Oberholser (Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad. 1899, p. 214) has pointed out that this is preoccupied by Boddaert, Tabl. Planch. Enlum., p. 34, 1783, and that *Lalage montrosieri* Verreaux et Des Murs, Rev. Mag. de Zool. 1860, p. 431, would replace it for the New Caledonian bird. This leaves Gould's *leucopygus* as the oldest name in the group, and this consequently becomes the species-name.

Extra-limital species-name.

While compiling the preceding, I noted that for a New Caledonian bird the name *Eopsaltria flavigaster* Verreaux would appear to be in common use. In the Handlist, Sharpe amended this to *E. flaviventris* for the sake of purism only. I have examined the species and it seems to be a true *Eopsaltria*, using that genus-name in its most restricted sense. The type of *Eopsaltria* is *Motacilla australis* White, which name is given priority over *Todus flavigaster* Latham, though both appeared in the same year. Latham afterwards named this bird *Sylvia flavigastra* and also *Muscicapa flavigastra*, all independently given. It is quite possible that Latham's name might come into use, but in any case Verreaux's name would appear to be untenable. I would therefore propose that *Eopsaltria flavigaster* Verreaux (not Latham) be re-named as—

*Eopsaltria verreauxi*, nom. nov. +

Sharpe's emendation, given for purist reasons only, cannot be considered, as Latham's name is open to the same kind of emendation.